



# Ready, steady, off we go

## Introduction

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As quilting is a hobby that we do in our spare time, it is most important to keep our quilting and sewing tools together. If not, we will have to search all over the house and spend all the precious quilting time looking for it. Today, we will start off by getting the tools together and making a cool box to put them in. This will be your personal quilting treasure chest. You, and the people in your living space must respect that these are your tools and must be put back when used.

## How are you going to do that?

I am going to show you how to make a beautiful, covered box for your quilting tools and then, we are going to identify and put the tools you need for quilting, inside the box.

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## What do you need?

### A place to work

For today's project you will need a space where you can work without interruption for at least one hour.

- Table covered with newspaper or plastic.
- Chair, high enough for you to sit on and work comfortably at the table.
- Enough light to see what you are doing.
- A paper bin for offcuts.

### Tools

You will need the following tools:

- A plastic apron
- A pair of paper scissors
- A brush to paint the glue with
- An old saucer to put the glue brush on
- A wet cloth to wipe your hands on

### Materials

You will need the following materials:

- A few sheets of hand paper towel to mop up spills
- A sturdy shoebox
- Old magazines and offcut pieces of wrapping paper
- Glue – “Heritage Modge Podge” works best, but you can also use white school glue. (There are also recipes for home-made Mod Podge glue on Wiki How)
- Stickers and or crayons
- 1m ribbon, cord, or string

## Dictionary

Time to learn a new word. You are going to make a **collage** – that means a visual collection of pictures of your favourite things.



## Do something fun

Use the old magazines to cut out your favourite pictures. You may like flowers or fashion pictures or pictures with trees and mountains. You can also combine them. Cut them out or if you want to, you may also tear them out. You will need a lot of them!

- Make sure your shoebox is clean by dusting it inside and out with a damp piece of hand paper towel
- Turn the box upside down, to start with the bottom of the box first.
- Paint your paper clippings with glue and paste them onto the box.
- Let the clippings overlap to cover the whole box.
- While the bottom dries, start on the outside of the lid.
- Cover the sides of the box, and if you wish, the inside as well.
- If you do not have enough pictures, use coloured wrapping paper or pieces of magazine with only writing on.

I asked Kaylen to help me with today's class. We are working outside on the patio where there is good light and ventilation.



*We covered the table with a sheet of clear vinyl to protect the table. She loves flowers and cut her pictures from her Grandfathers old gardening magazines. She asked him first!*

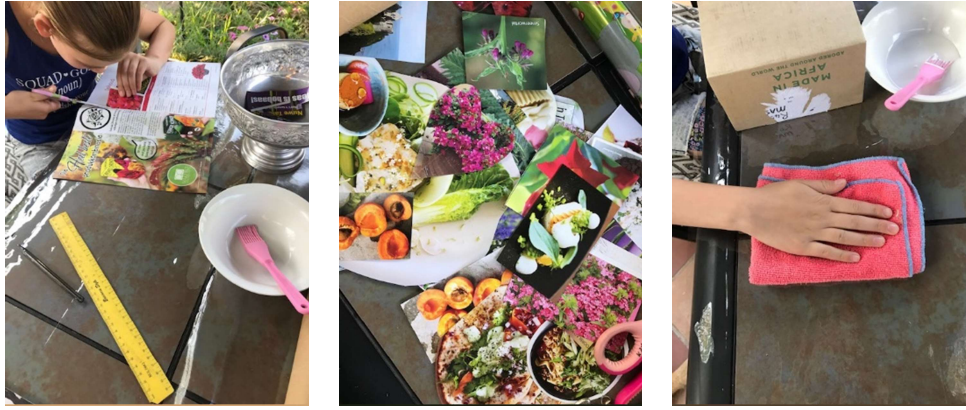
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*She wiped her hands on a wet cloth when they got sticky.*



When all the sides of the box and lid are covered with pictures, carefully wash the glue from the paintbrush and discard the used newspaper or plastic that was on the table and put all the tools back where they belong. Let the box dry completely. Always tidy up after you use common space. Well done!

While the shoebox is drying, it is time to look at the tools that you will need for quilting:

- A pair of fabric scissors – it is difficult to cut fabric with a pair of scissors that are dull. This is your most precious tool.
- A pair of paper scissors – this can be an old pair that are sharp enough to cut paper, but not sharp enough for fabric. You will use this pair of scissors to cut cardboard for templates and paper patterns.
- Needles in different sizes. Chenille, embroidery needles etc. Pin them into a special piece of fabric or felt. A needle dropped on the floor or carpet can hurt you if you or someone else step into it. Keep them safe.
- A thimble that fits comfortably over the first part of your right-hand middle finger. (if your fingers are still too small, your teacher or mentor can make one from chamois or raw leather).
- A ruler. To start off, a 30cm school ruler. Optionally a 4” or 6” square quilters’ ruler.
- A clutch-pencil. (Or a normal HB pencil and sharpener).
- An eraser.
- A box of thin and sharp pins.
- A seam ripper.
- A pincushion – a piece of foam on top of the pin box is fine to start off with.
- A small notebook where you can make notes or write questions. You can also use this as a journal to write down your projects.
- You will add other tools to the box as you need them. If you do not have everything yet, you can add it at a later stage.

Mark all your quilt stuff in your own way with stickers that you can easily identify. I put bright pink heart stickers on all my tools.





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See if you can identify all the tools mentioned above from the picture:



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## Back to the shoebox

I hope your box is dry by now. For the next step, you need an adult person to help.

Measure and cut two slits on the long sides of the box and one, in the box lid in the corresponding placement.



Thread the ribbon or string through these slits. Tie off the end giving enough space to take the lid off without having to thread the ribbon again.

Load your tools into the box. Put your box in a safe place till the next time.

Well done!



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## Show and tell

Oh wow! You are now ready for your first lesson in sewing. Post a picture or more of your box to the saqqc4y WhatsApp group.

Mentors can register [HERE](#) to be included in the WhatsApp group.

## What's next?

How to thread your needle.

## Did I miss something?

Keep a look out on the saqqc4y WhatsApp group for more cool stuff.

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